



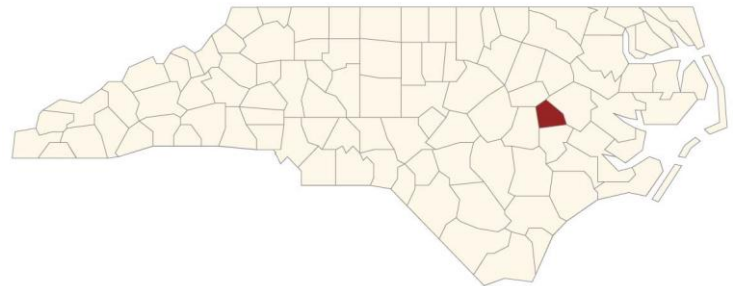
On February 17, 2009, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Obama. ARRA provides increased support to several existing federal programs administered by states, creates new programs such as the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund, and offers opportunities for states to apply for competitive grant programs.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act's significant investment in North Carolina totaled almost \$19.5 billion, including assistance for those needing help the most through increases in unemployment benefits, Medicaid payments, and food stamps. In addition to those expanded services, ARRA gives hundreds of thousands of working North Carolinians a break through tax credits like the *Making Work Pay* tax credit and the *First Time Homebuyer's* tax credit.

The Recovery Act is not like earlier attempts to revive the nation's economy. It is not only a one-time infusion of federal funds; instead it is a long-term effort to restore economic expansion in the short-term, as well as prepare the nation's economy for stable, healthy long-term growth. Under the terms of the Recovery Act, support for North Carolina's economy will include both investments made directly by the federal government and investments of federal funds that are made under the oversight of the North Carolina state government.

## American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Report, Greene County

Greene County received more than \$36.5 million in ARRA funding in grants, loans, and bonds. The following report outlines the various funding categories that contributed to the Greene County total.



**Drinking Water Grants:**  
1



**Small Business Jobs:**  
2

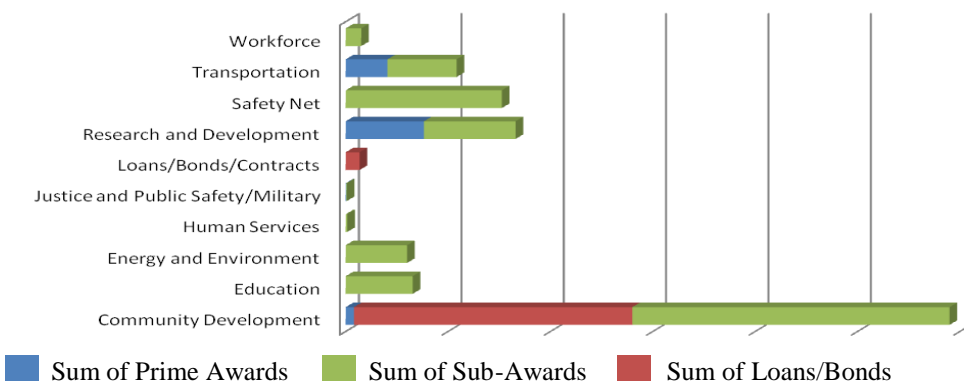


**Appliances rebated:**  
38



**Family homes financed:**  
7

### Greene County Totals



**Greene County,**  
pop 20,157 at a glance:

### Recovery Act Totals:

Grants: \$22,254,548

Loans: \$14,285,039

**Total: \$36,539,587**



## Education

The Recovery Act placed a special emphasis on maintaining education funding. Governor Beverly Perdue furthered this commitment by pledging additional recovery funds from the Recovery Act to education, and leading North Carolina to additional funds by winning \$400 million in the Race to the Top program.

Most of the ARRA education funds are distributed to local schools through existing funding formulas. Special Education Funds and Title I funds go to schools based on eligible student enrollment. State Fiscal Stabilization Funds (SFSF) and the EduJobs grants were designed to hold schools harmless during the recession, and were distributed to public and charter schools. The school systems have spent the majority of the funds on staff and support. Some projects, such as Race to the Top, will be spent for purchasing products and services rather than salaries for staff.

Authorization for low/no interest bonds for school construction/renovation followed the Department of Public Instruction procedures with initial allotments to the school systems. If a school system could not utilize their allotment, it was released to other school systems that could utilize additional allotments.

**Greene County schools** received \$4.0 million in education funding, including \$790,708 in Special Education funds, \$833,917 in Title I funds, \$1.9 million in SFSF funds, \$481,604 in Race to the Top funding.



## Family Assistance

The Federal Department of Agriculture increased funding to their Single-Family home program with the ARRA. These resources assisted families in achieving the American Dream of home ownership through direct financial assistance (grants) or credit (loan guarantees). This program pumped more than \$729 million into North Carolina, providing assistance to more than 5,400 families.

**In Greene County,** 7 families received assistance through this program totaling more than \$677,000.

The Department of Energy created the Energy Star Appliance rebate program to help stimulate the economy by incentivizing the purchase of new, more energy efficient appliances, and helping consumers by providing long-term savings from their utility bills. The State Energy Office in the North Carolina Department of Commerce managed the program insuring North Carolina residents and retailers received the maximum benefit from this opportunity. North Carolina retailers sold more than 25,500 new energy efficiency appliances through this program, and North Carolina residents will enjoy energy savings for years to come. The program was so successful, that the State Energy Office reprogrammed additional funding to provide discounts to everyone participating in the program, bringing the total program value from \$8 up to \$10 Million.

**Greene County** retailers sold 38 appliances through the Energy Star Appliance rebate program.



## Small Businesses Assistance

The ARRA provided tax breaks, increased depreciation of business assets, and incentives for hiring for small businesses through the tax law changes found in Part B of the Act. The Recovery Act also established direct aid programs through the federal Small Business Administration (SBA) and US Department of Agriculture (USDA). These programs provided grants, loans and loan guarantees to grant small businesses access to much-needed operational credit during 2009 and 2010.

**In Greene County**, 1 small business received a SBA loan guarantees worth \$990,000. According to the small business receiving this loans, the Recovery Act saved or created 2 jobs.



## Farm Assistance

The Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) Program is administered by the Farm Services Administration in the federal Department of Agriculture, which provides assistance to farmers suffering crop losses due to natural disasters. To qualify for the program a farm must have lost at least 10% of one crop during a natural disaster in a declared disaster county, or lost 50% of a crop during a disaster in a non-disaster county. North Carolina farmers received more than \$9 million in total payments under the ARRA-Funded SURE Program.

**In Greene County**, \$311,952 was received in assistance to farmers because of crop loss to natural disasters.



## Justice and Public Safety Programs

ARRA increased funding to the federal Byrne Justice Assistance Grants Program (JAG). JAG funds were awarded both as a formula allocation to the State, for \$34.5 million, and grants distributed by the Governor's Crime Commission to various local governments and entities. In addition, \$21,853,798 went to 216 local governments across the state for various purposes in line with the requirements of the act. Finally, there is a federal competitive portion that was open to state or local government applicants.

**In Greene County**, the Green County Government received a JAG grant for \$31,000.



## Environment and Natural Resources Programs

ARRA funded several programs to protect the environment, or to develop natural resources more efficiently. These programs ranged from environmental clean-up, such as leaking underground storage tank abatement and Brownfields programs, to EPA clean air grants, wildfire prevention grants, and revolving funds to build, expand, or overhaul existing water and sewer programs. These programs provided nearly \$150 million across North Carolina.

**In Greene County**, the Greene County government received a \$3 million in grants to upgrade water and sewer grant systems.



## Safety Net Programs

Safety net programs are the category of ARRA funding that consists of programs designed to help populations made particularly vulnerable by the economic crisis. These generally include increases in existing programs, most notably the increase in both benefit level and duration of unemployment payments. Increases in the amount and duration of unemployment payments makes up the largest chunk of safety net programs funded through the Recovery Act, totaling more than \$3.5 billion statewide over more than two years. Safety net programs such as unemployment insurance and SNAP (formerly known as Food Stamps), not only benefit the recipient, but have a proven economic impact on a community.

**Greene County** residents received \$4.6 million in Unemployment Insurance increases during the 2 ½ year ARRA benefits increase. County residents also received \$2.0 in SNAP benefit increases, and \$882,250 in one-time payments of \$250 to social security recipients.

## Greene County Feature Story

### Greene County Builds for the Future of Education Using Recovery Opportunities

The Federal Department of Agriculture Rural Development's Community Facilities Program helps finance essential community facilities for public use in rural areas. The Community Facilities Program provides loans, grants, and loan guarantees for a variety of community selected high-impact projects, such as water and environmental projects, as well as community facilities projects. These facilities include childcare centers, hospitals, medical clinics, assisted-living facilities, fire and rescue stations, police stations, community centers, public buildings, and transportation.



Through the Community Facilities Program the USDA ensures that important facilities are available to all rural residents. These funds are available to public bodies, non-profit organizations and federally recognized Indian tribes. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act increased funding for this program, giving the green light to many long-awaited and much needed local investments.

"These Recovery Act projects not only provide needed infrastructure in rural communities, they contribute to the Obama administration's continued efforts to create quality jobs," Tom Vilsack, Secretary of the USDA said. "The Recovery Act is working. These projects, and others like them, are contributing to restore the American economy while improving the quality of life in towns and small cities throughout the country."



Community Facilities grants and loans are used to fund a wide array of uses. Greene County took advantage of the historic opportunity represented in the Recovery Act's increase of funding to secure low-interest loans to build a new school in Snow Hill.

Greene County received a \$13.6 million loan and a \$400,000 grant to construct a new energy efficient intermediate school. The school will accommodate 600 students and alleviate overcrowding problems at two local elementary schools.

The Greene County project will be a one-story, 79,000 sq-ft building serving fourth and fifth-graders. The project has gone to bid, and is under construction. The project is currently on schedule, and the school is projected to be completed in 2012.

## Appendix, Greene County breakout

Federal Agency	Program Title	Recipient name	Recipient role <sup>i</sup>	Prime Amount <sup>ii</sup>	Unique Sub Awards <sup>iii</sup>	Loans	Additional Economic Activity (not counted toward totals) <sup>iv</sup>
	Bonds		P			\$0.00	
	Very Low to Moderate Income Housing Loans - Guaranteed	Individuals	L			\$677,539.00	
<b>Administration for Children and Families</b>	ARRA - Child Care and Development Block Grant	Greene, County Of	S	\$0.00	\$80,123.40	\$0.00	
<b>Administration on Aging</b>	Aging Congregate Nutrition Services for States	Greene County Senior Services	SV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	Aging Home-Delivered Nutrition Services for States	Greene County Senior Services	SV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
<b>Department of Agriculture</b>	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	Multiple Individuals	S		\$2,064,227.47		
<b>Department of Justice</b>	Recovery Act - Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program / Grants To Units Of Local Government	Greene, County Of	P	\$31,000.00		\$0.00	\$31,000.00
<b>Department of Labor</b>	Unemployment Insurance	Multiple Individuals	S		\$4,682,394.66		
<b>Environmental Protection Agency</b>	Capitalization Grants for Drinking Water State Revolving Funds	Greene, County Of	S	\$0.00	\$3,000,000.00	\$0.00	
<b>Federal Highway Administration</b>	Highway Planning and Construction	Barnhill Contracting Company	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$1,198,872.64
				\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
		North Carolina Department Of Transportation	P	\$1,269,268.00		\$0.00	\$1,269,268.00
				\$770,000.00		\$0.00	\$770,000.00
<b>Federal Transit Administration</b>	Formula Grants for Other Than Urbanized Areas	Greene, County Of	S	\$0.00	\$138,098.00	\$0.00	
<b>Health</b>	ARRA - Grants to	Bitting Electric	PV	\$0.00	\$38,160.00	\$0.00	

Resources and Services Administration	Health Center Programs					
				\$0.00	\$0.00	\$38,160.00
		Dell Computers	PV	\$0.00	\$26,782.40	\$0.00
		Farrior & Sons	PV	\$0.00		\$87,572.23
		Fujifilm	PV	\$0.00	\$250,110.50	\$0.00
		Greene County Health Care, Incorporated	P	\$1,865,625.00		\$0.00
				\$708,841.00		\$0.00
				\$1,245,575.00		\$0.00
		Patterson Dental	PV	\$0.00		\$105,664.88
		PC Mall	PV	\$0.00		\$63,999.77
				\$0.00	\$46,144.30	\$0.00
Idaho Operations Office	Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program (EEARP)		P			\$0.00
Office of Elementary and Secondary Education	State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) - Education State Grants, Recovery Act	Greene County School District	S	\$0.00	\$1,924,720.00	\$0.00
	State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) - Race-to-the-Top Incentive Grants, Recovery Act	Greene County School District	S	\$0.00	\$481,604.00	\$0.00
	Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies, Recovery Act	Greene County School District	S	\$0.00	\$833,917.00	\$0.00
Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services	Special Education - Preschool Grants, Recovery Act	Greene County School District	S	\$0.00	\$29,972.00	\$0.00
	Special Education Grants to States, Recovery Act	Greene County School District	S	\$0.00	\$760,736.18	\$0.00
Rural Housing Service	Community Facilities Loans and Grants		PV	\$0.00	\$530,000.00	\$0.00
				\$0.00	\$195,000.00	\$0.00
		Baddour,parker & H Ine	PV	\$0.00		\$9,587.00
		Greene, County Of	P	\$0.00		\$7,000,000.00
				\$400,000.00		\$0.00
				\$0.00	\$6,600,000.00	\$6,600,000.00
		Jlt Contracting	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00
		Moseley	PV	\$0.00		\$655,742.83

		Architects			
		RI Casey	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00 \$94,250.00
		Warren, kerr, walston, taylor & Smith Llp	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00 \$525.00
<b>Small Business Administration</b>	Loans	Carter Poultry	L		\$7,500.00
<b>SSA</b>	Social Security Economic Recovery Act Payments	Multiple Individuals	P	\$882,250.00	
<b>Grand Total</b>				\$6,290,309.00	\$15,964,239.91 \$14,285,039.00 \$22,161,465.69

<sup>i</sup> Recipient Role are as follows: P is a prime recipient; S is a Sub-recipient; PV is a vendor to a prime recipient; SV is a vendor to a sub-recipient; L is a loan recipient.

<sup>ii</sup> Prime Amounts are unique prime awards within a county. These are entities who have received funding directly from a federal agency, and are required to report directly to [www.federalreporting.gov](http://www.federalreporting.gov)

<sup>iii</sup> Unique Sub Awards are amounts that flow into a county from a source that is NOT directly from a Federal Agency. Generally these are funds awarded to the North Carolina State Government that have been directed to a local source.

<sup>iv</sup> Additional Economic Activity are economic activity attributable to a previous funding category. They may be a sub award by a prime recipient within a county, or a contract funded by one of the previous three columns. This economic activity is not counted toward the county total.